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TO THE GOVERNOR

AND

**Members of the Twenty-Third  
Legislature**



SECOND BIENNIAL REPORT  
OF THE  
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS



FOR THE PERIOD ENDING  
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## SECOND BIENNIAL REPORT

## COTTAGE I

Blanche Green .....	House Matron
Alice Osborne .....	Kitchen Matron
Lulu Worthington .....	Night Matron

## COTTAGE II

Jessica Lytle .....	House Matron
Anna Cattnach .....	Night Matron
Lena Glassey .....	Kitchen Matron

## PROFESSIONALS ATTENDING

John L. Treacy, M. D. ....	Consulting Physician
C. H. Head, D. D. S. ....	Dentist

## TO THE GOVERNOR

## AND

## MEMBERS OF THE TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE:

We have the honor to present the second biennial report of The Vocational School for Girls—

## HISTORY:

A bill providing for the creation of a State Vocational School for Girls was introduced into the Sixteenth Legislature by Mrs. Emma Ingalls, representative from Flathead County. This bill provided for a separate school for Girls from that of the Boys' Industrial School at Miles City. The bill had its origin in the legislative committee of the Montana Federation of Women's Clubs. It was given hearty and loyal support by the State Good Government Club and the State Association of County Attorneys. The bill passed both houses of the legislature and was signed by Governor Stewart on March 4, 1919. A similar bill failed passage in the preceding legislature. A tract of land was secured seven miles north of Helena. The first cottage, called Maria Dean in honor of Doctor Dean with whom such a school had long been a dream, was erected in the spring of 1920. There are now five buildings, including three dormitories built on the cottage plan, a gymnasium and administration building, now called Stewart Hall, in honor of Governor Stewart, who was Governor when the school was established and present chairman of the local executive board. Stewart Hall houses the school rooms, superintendent's apartment, office and central laundry. In addition to these five buildings, the farm is equipped with commodious barns, a dairy house, chicken houses, blacksmith shop, machinery, feed and hog buildings.

## PURPOSE:

The purpose of the school is to furnish social guidance, vocational training and academic education to girls who for various reasons have not succeeded in their homes and communities.

## AIM:

Its aim is to assist girls in developing will power and stamina to resist wrong-doing when they leave the school; to help them regain and maintain their self-respect, and to equip them, as far as possible, for self-support and a return to normal life as trustworthy and responsible members of their communities.

## METHODS:

Few girls who come to this school have known the meaning of a real home. It is our endeavor to supply, as far as in our power, the right kind of home life. Brought up in an atmosphere of inharmony, wrong home

standards, insecurity, there is much to undo before even a start is made towards character building. To try to develop a new code of morals and ethics that will shape their minds for a more wholesome appreciation of life, requires infinite patience, understanding and time. There is no short cut to it. Our approach to the task is through the school and home life in the Cottages. Academic education is supplemented by close personal contact and attention to the individual girl. The untiring efforts of the superintendent, teachers and matrons are united and directed in assisting to solve the problems of each girl and stimulating in her a desire to make the most of her life.

#### THE SCHOOL:

The faculty is composed of three regular teachers, two academic and one domestic science teacher, a half day commercial teacher, part time orchestra director, chorus supervisor and beauty culture instructor. The grades range from the fourth to the tenth inclusive. Last year we carried in addition, the eleventh grade work for the girls who were ready for it. This year we have the twelfth grade additional in place of the eleventh, to enable these girls to complete their High School work. In addition to the academic branches, the school covers commercial, domestic science, beauty culture, physical education and music courses. It is our desire to familiarize the girls with various vocations open to women and to assist them in finding a vocation in which they may succeed in establishing themselves in self-supporting positions when they leave the school. Limited finances preclude carrying courses in other vocations but in addition to the foregoing we have given short courses in hat making and barbering; special instruction in turkey raising was given this past summer to a group of girls by a qualified 4-H club leader. The laundry is done by classes, each going one-half day each week to this work. Instruction in modern laundry methods is given.

The enrollment of the school for the past year was seventy-six. Thirty of these were enrolled in the grades and forty-six in the High School. Girls in High School were paroled twice during the year, at the end of the first semester and in June. No paroles were granted to girls in the grades until the close of the school year. Girls spend the entire day in school. Report cards are given every ten weeks. Mental tests were given to all pupils during the year.

Graduation week is a particularly happy time. It includes such events as a Baccalaureate sermon, Class Day, Commencement and Prom. These events are preceded by picnics held in some attractive spot near Helena, for each class. This past year ten were graduated from the tenth grade and nine from the eighth grade.

#### HEALTH:

The health of the girls is very important and is carefully looked after by superintendent, matrons and physician. Dental and optical clinics are held at intervals. These are followed up as soon as possible by taking girls into Helena to the school dentist and optometrist and having corrections made. Complete physical examinations are given girls upon entering the

school. In case of serious illness or an operation, girls are taken to Helena hospitals where the best medical and hospital attention is given. Generally speaking, the health of the girls is excellent.

#### RELIGION :

Each Sunday, church services are held at 2:30 p. m. These services are conducted by various ministers from Helena. Our chorus director has charge of the music; very often special numbers are prepared by the choir for these services. Sunday school is held at 9:30 each Sunday morning. During the school year one teacher is responsible for this hour. A regular Bible study course is being followed, supplemented by inspirational talks by teachers and speakers brought from Helena.

#### RECREATION—ENTERTAINMENT—LECTURES :

Wholesome recreation plays an important part in building character, health and happiness. Under the direction of our physical instruction teacher regular gym work is given. Basketball and baseball teams have been organized. Interclass games are frequently played. Several games were played with Helena teams this past year. The students enjoy this competitive play and exhibit excellent sportsmanship. Field day was held on June 2, girls from the Helena High School competing with the Vocational school girls. Other forms of recreation are: dancing, roller skating, swimming, hiking, tennis, picnicking and indoor games.

Special musical and dramatic talent and inspirational speakers have contributed to the enjoyment and instruction of the girls. Girls on the Honor Roll are granted the courtesy of the Marlow theater each month. The State Fair has been attended by Honor girls for the past two years.

#### DISCIPLINE :

The question of discipline is one that seems to be taking care of itself, more and more. There is, of course, infringements of school rules from time to time, but these are readily adjusted between girl and matron, the teacher and student, and with the superintendent. There are few girls who do not respond to our policy of sincere, kindly, friendly interest in their welfare. Without exception, we believe we have the confidence and goodwill of the girls, without which it is useless to attempt character building. There are few cases where a girl, for her own sake, does not have the desire to raise herself out of the condition or environment which is responsible for her being sent to this school.

A very cordial relationship exists between girls, matrons and teachers. Various activities bring them into close contact and have done much to promote a fine feeling and a helpful understanding of individual problems. The general atmosphere of the school is one of harmony and happiness. May we say that it requires a high quality of head and heart for the type of work required in this school. We believe this is possessed by our officers.



### SAFETY FOR LIFE:

We have at all times exerted every effort to safeguard the lives of the girls entrusted to our care. State Fire Marshal Brooks has visited the school at our request on a number of occasions. He has been most helpful with suggestions as to protection against fire hazards. In company with Mr. Martin Juhl, Chief of the Helena Fire Department, he visited the school and assisted in organizing officers and girls for fire drills. We have carried out, as far as our finances will permit, suggestions for fire prevention made by the Pacific Underwriters. Improvements involving large expenditures could not be made.

We call your attention to the following needs: an adequate water system, new and more fire hose, fire escapes and fireproof boiler rooms shut off from the rest of the buildings.

### IMPROVEMENTS:

A room in the basement, formerly a cloakroom, has been kalsomined, decorated and equipped for a beauty culture room. This was done at a minimum of expense, the girls doing all the work but the necessary plumbing. The gymnasium and assembly rooms have been oiled. The halls and a number of rooms in the Cottages and Stewart Hall have been kalsomined. A swimming pool was made by damming up the creek in front of the gymnasium. The island in front of Stewart Hall has been plowed, dragged and sowed to oats. In time it may be sufficiently leveled to make the long-desired park. Fences have been repaired and painted. We are planning to make a skating rink this winter out of part of a nearby potato patch. The roofs of several buildings have been repaired. We have been compelled to defer, due to lack of funds, a number of much desired and much needed improvements, such as painting the barns and Cottages, improvements of grounds, purchasing additional gymnasium equipment, a more adequate water system and a private telephone line, all of which are greatly needed.

### WOMEN'S CLUB FUND:

From a fund of \$500.00 set aside by the State Federation of Women's Clubs to assist a number of worthy girls who have been paroled and who have continued their education by working for their room and board and attending school, many girls have been permitted to continue their schooling, for without this help they would have been compelled to leave school. A number of Clubs have taken an interest in girls having no one to write to them or no one who is interested in them. This has had an encouraging effect on these girls. To these Clubs we feel deeply grateful.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Eight regular and three special meetings have been held by the Executive Board of the school during the past two years. As a Board and as individuals, they have made frequent visits to the school, keeping at all times in close touch with its progress and activities. For their helpful counsel and willingness and readiness to share in helping to solve some of the problems of the school the superintendent is most grateful.



## APPRECIATION :

We wish to express our appreciation to Governor and Mrs. Erickson, both of whom have manifested a deep interest in the school; to the Executive Board of the school; to the State Board of Examiners; to Mr. Murphy and his office force; to Miss Ireland and her staff; and to the State Board of Education for their cooperation in helping to make this school function as a real home for the girls under our guardianship.

In conclusion, may we say, that for personal reasons it seems necessary to sever our connection with the school. We have filed our resignation with the Executive Board. In leaving the school, we do so with sincere regret. It is an opportunity for a large service to a socially maladjusted group who are in great need of kindly, friendly, wise and understanding guidance at a critical period in their lives. We deeply appreciate the opportunity that has been given us to share in this service.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. W. WALKER,  
Superintendent.

## MOVEMENT OF POPULATION

July 1, 1930 to July 1, 1932

Number of girls in school beginning fiscal year, 1930 .....	59
New admissions (two-year period) .....	73
Returned from parole .....	17
Transferred from other institutions .....	2
Number paroled (this includes two babies with mothers) .....	63
Number discharged .....	3
Number died .....	2
Number transferred to other institutions .....	4
Number attained 21 years of age .....	2
Number escaped—not returned .....	1
Number present—end of fiscal year 1932 .....	76

## CONCERNING GIRLS COMMITTED BY THE COURTS

Age:	Delinquent	Neglect	Total
Eleven .....	1		1
Twelve .....	1		1
Thirteen .....	7		7
Fourteen .....	8		8
Fifteen .....	23	1	24
Sixteen .....	15	2	17
Seventeen .....	11		11
Eighteen .....	1		1
Nineteen .....	3		3
Total.....	70	3	73
Color:			
White .....	66	3	69
Negro .....	1		1
Indian .....	3		3
Total.....	70	3	73

## Church Relations:

Catholic .....	10		10
Methodist .....	4		4
Baptist .....	4	1	5
Presbyterian .....	3	2	5
Lutheran .....	3		3
Christian .....	4		4
Episcopal .....	1		1
Protestant (Church unknown) .....	34		34
None .....	7		7
Total.....	70	3	73

## COUNTIES COMMITTING GIRLS

	Age	Total
Big Horn .....	12	2
Carbon .....	14	1
	15	2
	16	1
Cascade .....	14	1
	15	3
	16	2
	17	1
Deer Lodge .....	13	2
	15	1
	16	3
Fergus .....	14	2
	16	2
	17	1
Flathead .....	13	1
	14	1
	15	4
	16	1
	19	1
	18	1
Gallatin .....	13	1
	15	1
Glacier .....	13	1
Granite .....	15	1
Hill .....	14	1
	15	1
	16	1
Lake .....	15	1
	17	1
Lewis and Clark .....	14	1
	15	1
	16	2
Lincoln .....	14	1
	15	1
Meagher .....	17	1
Missoula .....	17	1
Musselshell .....	14	1
	16	1
	17	1
Park .....	17	1
Philips .....	15	1
Powell .....	17	1
Prairie .....	15	1
Ravalli .....	12	1
	15	1
	17	1
Roosevelt .....	16	1
Sheridan .....	17	1
Silver Bow .....	11	1
	13	1
	15	1
Teton .....	19	1
Toole .....	19	1
Yellowstone .....	13	1
	15	1
	17	2
Total Number Committed .....		73

Number living with Mother when committed.....	12
Number living with Father when committed.....	8
Number living with Father and Mother when committed.....	20
Number living with Relatives when committed.....	0
Number living with non-relatives when committed.....	7
Number living with Foster-Parents when committed.....	4
Number living with Mother and Step-Father.....	18
Number living with Grandparents when committed.....	4
Total.....	73

## THE PECUNIARY CONDITIONS OF THE HOME

	Delinquent	Neglect	Total
Moderate .....	35	---	35
Sufficiency .....	13	---	13
Poor .....	22	3	25
Total.....	70	3	73

## SOCIAL CONDITION OF PARENTS

	Total
Living together .....	16
Step-Mother .....	1
Step-Father .....	14
Father Unknown .....	1
Mothers Deserting Families .....	1
Father in Prison .....	1
Divorced .....	11
Parents Not Living .....	12
Mother Not Living .....	8
Father Not Living .....	8
Total.....	73

## NATIONALITIES REPRESENTED

Scotch	Norwegian	Russian
Irish	English	Hungarian
Swedish	Negro	Canadian
Dutch	French	Croatian
German	Indian	

## EDUCATIONAL STANDING OF GIRLS COMMITTED

Age	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	Total
Eleven .....	1	---	---	---	---	---	1
Twelve .....	---	2	---	---	---	---	2
Thirteen .....	2	1	---	3	1	---	7
Fourteen .....	---	1	3	2	---	1	7
Fifteen .....	---	2	5	6	8	2	23
Sixteen .....	---	2	2	8	1	4	17
Seventeen .....	---	---	4	2	3	2	11
Eighteen .....	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
Nineteen .....	---	---	1	---	2	1	4
Total.....	3	8	15	21	15	11	73

Married when entering school .....	2
Single when entering school .....	67
Girls pregnant when committed .....	4
Babies in school with mothers .....	0
Total.....	73

## PLAINTIFF IN COMMITMENT CASES

Mother .....	Total
Father .....	15
Individual .....	8
Guardian .....	1
Parents .....	1
Probation Officer .....	9
Bureau Child Protection .....	19
County Attorneys .....	5
Chief of Police .....	14
.....	1
Total .....	73

PAROLED TO:	Total
Parents .....	14
Mother .....	16
Father .....	2
Sister .....	6
Attending School—Non-relatives .....	15
Grandmother .....	1
Girls of Age .....	2
Escaped .....	1
Discharged .....	3
Brother .....	1
Aunt .....	2
Total .....	63

## POPULATION

	Received	Forward	Returned	Paroled	Escaped	Discharged	*Died Transferred	Present Population
April 7, 1920 .....								
June 30, 1921 .....	42	0	0	9	0	0	0	33
July 1, 1921 .....								
June 30, 1922 .....	33	33	9	18	0	0	1	56
July 1, 1922 .....								
June 30, 1923 .....	31	56	9	30	0	0	1	65
July 1, 1923 .....								
June 30, 1924 .....	30	65	6	30	0	0	0	71
July 1, 1924 .....								
June 30, 1925 .....	37	71	10	40	0	2	2	74
July 1, 1925 .....								
June 30, 1926 .....	28	74	7	32	0	0	3	74
July 1, 1926 .....								
June 30, 1927 .....	28	74	6	38	1	2	0	67
July 1, 1927 .....								
June 30, 1928 .....	17	67	9	27	1	0	2	63
July 1, 1928 .....								
June 30, 1929 .....	33	63	6	37	2	1	3	59
July 1, 1929 .....								
June 30, 1930 .....	32	59	5	32	5	0	0	59
July 1, 1930 .....								
June 30, 1932 .....	73	60	0	63	1	3	4	76
Total .....	384		84	356	10	8	16 ( 2*)	76

Received .....	384	Paroled .....	356
Returned .....	84	Escaped .....	10
		Discharged .....	8
		Death .....	2
		Transferred .....	16
Total .....	468	Total .....	392

Population at End of Fiscal Year 1932 ..... 76

## POPULATION

April 7, 1920 to June 30, 1932

Total Registration .....	384
Disposition of Girls:	
Of Age .....	181
Transferred to Other Institutions .....	14
Out of State .....	44
Unknown or Escaped .....	10
Under Supervision of School on Parole .....	53
Discharged .....	6
Present Population .....	76
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>384</b>

## PHYSICIAN'S REPORT

Dr. J. L. Treacy, M. D.

Appendicitis .....	9	Laryngitis .....	16
Acne .....	16	Neuritis .....	3
Anemia .....	5	Nephritis .....	4
Abdominal Operations .....	14	Otitis Media .....	2
Bronchitis .....	61	Rheumatism .....	2
Confinements .....	2	Sprains .....	6
Constipation .....	16	Tonsillitis .....	34
Dysmenorrhea .....	14	Verruca .....	4
Gonorrhea .....	32	Tonsillectomy .....	32
Fallen Arches .....	2	Syphilis .....	32
Hemorrhoids .....	2	Wassermans .....	82
Headache .....	11	General Examinations .....	66

## DENTIST'S REPORT

Dr. C. H. Head, D.D.S.

Examinations .....	167	Extractions .....	56
Amalgam Fillings .....	130	Cleanings .....	117
Porcelain Fillings .....	68	Treatments .....	111
Temporary Fillings .....	17	Novocains Administrations .....	6
Gum Treatments .....	30		

## OPTOMETRIST'S REPORT

Dr. Kuntz, Capital Optical Co.

Number of Visits .....	46	Number of Glasses Repaired .....	13
Number of Eye Examinations .....	15	Number of Prescriptions for .....	
Glasses Adjusted .....	13	Glasses Given .....	10
Glasses Repaired .....	13		

## THE FARM:

The original tract upon which the buildings are located comprises 240 acres for which the State paid \$24,000.00. Later an additional tract consisting of 160 acres of hay meadow, located one and one-half miles north of the original tract, was purchased for \$6,000.00. It is inconvenient to have a farm separated in this manner.

The production of the farm is used almost entirely by the institution. Our Guernsey dairy herd furnishes us with milk, cream, butter, beef and veal. In addition to furnishing the school these necessities, we sell considerable cream to the creamery.

Our hogs cost us very little to raise. They are fed the separated milk, rutabagas, mangles and small potatoes and the refuse from the kitchen. Only when fattening for butchering do we feed them any grain. Our hogs furnish us with all our fresh pork, hams, bacon and lard. In addition to this, we sold about \$400.00 worth of pork last year.

Our poultry consists of turkeys, ducks and chickens. We took twelve prizes at the State Fair last fall. Our chickens are of a large sized variety, thus furnishing us with meat as well as eggs.

We have a very excellent garden and raise all our potatoes, sweet corn, beans, peas, onions, cabbage, cucumbers, tomatoes and large quantities of field corn and sunflowers for ensilage. Any surplus garden truck that cannot be used in season is canned in a pressure cooker. We put up from 1,000 to 1,500 quarts each fall of corn, beans, peas and Swiss chard, and three or four barrels of kraut, in addition to several hundred quarts of tomatoes, pickles and preserves put up by the girls in the Cottages.

Our production from the farm for consumption runs about \$4,500.00 a year; products sold average about \$1,500.00.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Walker,  
Farm and Plant Manager.

#### CANNING IN COTTAGES

	Cottage I	Cottage II	Dom. Sc. Apt.	Mr. Walker	Total
Jelly .....	48 qts.	117 qts.	20 qts.		185 qts.
Conserve .....	131 qts.	110 qts.	45 qts.		286 qts.
Pickles .....	195 qts.	265 qts.	70 qts.		530 qts.
Pickles .....				3 bbls.	3 bbls.
Vegetables .....	323 qts.	250 qts.	60 qts.		633 qts.
" .....				2000 cans, 2½ lb. tins	
" .....				200 cans, 10 lb. tins	
Mince Meat .....	74 qts.	56 qts.			130 qts.
Kraut .....					5 bbls.

#### PRODUCTION FOR CONSUMPTION, 1930-1932

Butter .....	\$1,920.78	Chickens .....	\$ 75.50
Cream .....	979.23	Veal and Beef .....	995.40
Milk .....	1,716.89	Pork .....	1,064.75
Eggs .....	191.01		
Vegetables .....	1,123.61	Total .....	\$8,067.17

#### FARM PRODUCTS SOLD—1930-1932

Milk and Cream .....	\$1,063.56	Potatoes .....	177.56
Ewes and Lambs .....	702.18	Wool .....	219.00
Pelts and Hides .....	82.62	Horses .....	15.00
Cows and Calves .....	141.00		
Pigs .....	124.10	Total .....	\$2,701.50
Hogs and Veal .....	176.48		



# VOCATIONAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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## TRIAL BALANCE, ENDING JULY 1, 1932

11	General Administration, Operation .....	\$ 8,010.21	
13	General Administration, Repairs .....	28.17	
14	General Administration, Inventory .....	1,740.77	
21	Educational System, Operation .....	6,069.47	
22	Educational System, Capital .....	208.05	
23	Educational System, Repairs and Repl.....	322.78	
24	Educational System, Inventory .....	2,262.35	
31	Physical Plant, Operation .....	12,651.01	
32	Physical Plant, Capital .....	631.34	
33	Physical Plant, Repairs and Repl. ....	1,085.54	
34	Physical Plant, Inventory .....	370,434.75	
41	Subsistence .....	13,989.02	
521-1	Appropriation—Salaries .....		\$ 20,369.11
521-2	Appropriation—Capital and Repairs .....		1,836.55
521-2	Appropriation—Other Operations .....		7,481.45
523	Income, Educational Bond Fund .....		394.57
528	Income from Counties .....		8,383.78
531	Sale of Farm Products .....		1,165.06
532	Production for Consumption .....		4,421.22
59	Miscellaneous Income .....		204.95
611	Cash in Office .....	24.94	
612	Cash in Bank .....	376.22	
620	Inmates Savings Account .....	35.92	
625	Accounts Receivable .....	769.96	
628	Revolving Appropriation .....	822.17	
63	Advance Reserve, State Treasurer .....	500.00	
69	Suspense Account .....	30.44	
73	Inmates Deposits .....		49.21
74	Reserve for Advance .....		387.15
8	Surplus .....		375,300.06
Total.....		\$419,993.11	\$419,993.11

